continuous 'bookings' throughout the year, for the last many years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total amount of fees paid to each of the said artists in a single year was subject to deduction of income-tax at source; and

(c) whether any income tax was deducted at source from this category of artist during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Income Tax deductions are made only in respect of regular employees; no deduction has been made in respect of Casual Assignees.

Allotment of Type III quarters in Kalibari Marg, New Delhi

1435. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Type III quarters are ready for allotment in Kalibari Marg, New Delhi for the last few months; and

(b) if so, by when these quarters are likely to be allotted to the Central Government employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) 90 type III quarters at Kalibari Marg have been completed on 31-3-86.

(b) The quarters will be handed over to the Directorate of Estates for allotment as soon as completion certificate, electric load and water connection is sanctioned by NDMC.

Illegal sale/construction of houses in Ashok Nagar, Delhi

1436. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority and the Ministry have received any complaints from Ashok Nagar Welfare Association, Delhi about the illegal sale/construction of houses going on the Ashok Nagar, Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, some complaints have been received.

(c) DDA has lodged FIRs with the Police Station, Special Cell under Sections 3 and 4 of DIRT Act.

Substandard work in Laxmi Nagar, Delhi

1437. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has received complaints from Welfare Association in Laxmi Nagar regarding substandard work carried out in 1985;

(b) whether the complaints have also been received regarding construction of drains which are not properly levelled resulting in dirty water flowing back; and

(c) if so, when the repair work is likely to be carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. The complaints are of a general nature and Delhi Development Authority is looking into this.

(b) and (c) While there is no specific complaint regarding proper levelling in any particular drain, at a few places, inter-connection of drains and their connection with outflowing drains still remain to be completed resulting in non-disposal of water.

There is a stay order from the court of law against execution of drainage work to connect it with the outflowing drains. The remaining works are expected to be completed during the current financial year.

Research in mushroom cultivation by D. R. D. O. for the growers

1438. SHRI F.M. KHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the achievements made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation in the field of mushroom cultivation have been made available to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute ;

(b) whether these have been published in form of some document, if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to make it accessible in published form; and

(d) whether the necessary know-how in mushroom cultivation is proposed to be provided to the intending growers if so, in what manner ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from Defence Research and Development Organisation and will be placed on the table of the House.

(d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been financing research schemes on mushroom cultivation since 1961. The Council has now established a National Centre for Mushroom Research and Training at Solan in Himachal Pradesh and has also set up an All India Coordinated Mushroom Improvement Project operating at six centres viz., Kalyani (West Bengal) Kanpur and Pantnagar (U.P.), Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), Ludhiana (Punjab) and Pune (Maharashtra). The National Centre conducts research on all aspects of mushroom production and post-harvest technology and imparts training to scientists, extension workers and growers. Such a training is also given at the six Coordinated Centres. The improved technology is also disseminated through radio talks, extension bulletins and exhibitions organised by these centres.

Removal of a news reader by Doordarshan

1439 PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a popular news reader have been dispensed with by Doordarshan because of his dark complexion; and

(b) if so, what are the qualifications and consideration for being selected as news readers of Doordarshan ?